

at all hours. His color is vermillion shading down to russet brown in various specimens. Costume out of water, non-descriptive."

Several other good articles must be passed over, but the "School Notes" should be mentioned, for they show us that the boys of Bishop's College School well deserve their representation on *The Mitre's* staff, "A Chiel's amang yer takin' notes" is the quotation which introduces them to us, and the "Chiel" certainly does justice to everyone from the Bishop of Quebec down to the "New Boy."

We are pleased to receive two papers from ladies' colleges: *The College Folio* from Allentown, Pa., and *The Sunbeam* from Whitby, Ontario. Both of these contain well written articles, and are bright and interesting throughout.

In the Allentown college very delightful entertainments have been given by the Seniors and Juniors, to which they invited friends outside of the college. We enjoyed the descriptions of these, and hope soon to learn that their younger sisters are not to be outdone by '96 and '97 in social functions.

The young ladies of Whitby College have recently held the debate: "Resolved, that Man has more conceit than Woman." The remarks of the four speakers are given in full, and although it seems to us that the vote should have favored the speakers on the negative, we would like to learn the opinion of those present at the debate.

### READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

#### AN AUSTRALIAN COURT ANECDOTE.

The stories of early Australian judges are numerous and incredible. The following incident, which is vouched for as a fact, is of a judge who had a lofty idea of his own legal capacity, and was at the same time anxious to sustain the dignity of his court: A "shooting case" came before him. There was no direct evidence as to who was the perpetrator of the murder, but the individual arrested was well known, and indeed confessed the deed. When brought into court, the judge cautioned the prisoner that he must remember his rights as a free citizen, and that, above all things, he must not interrupt the proceedings of the court. After this friendly warning the judge proceeded to state that he, the prisoner, was accused of having, on such a date, shot the deceased. Upon this the prisoner broke in. "Well, an' so I did."

The judge was annoyed at the interruption. "Hold your tongue, sir!" he exclaimed. "Haven't I told you not to commit yourself nor to interrupt

me? I shall commit you for contempt of court if you do so again!" he added sternly. He then repeated the accusation, upon which the prisoner broke in:

"I have told ye afore that I killed —"

The judge's indignation was intense at this second interruption, and he demanded: "Mr. Sheriff, what is your evidence?"

"I have nothing but circumstantial evidence, your Honor, and the prisoner's own confession."

"Then," said the judge, "I discharge the prisoner on this accusation, but commit him for contempt of court."

### A GOOD TEST.

The following is told of a judge before whom a man was being tried for stealing a gold watch from a woman as she was entering a 'bus. The man declared that the watch was his, and the woman was mistaken in identifying it as hers.

Suddenly the judge asked, "Where is the key?"

The prisoner fumbled in his pockets, and said he must have left it at home.

The judge asked him if he wound the watch frequently with the key.

He said "Yes."

Then the key was produced; watch and key were handed to the prisoner, and he was told to wind it. He opened the case, but could not find any place to use the key, because the watch was a keyless one!

Sentence: Five years!

*Youthful Humorist.*—"I have a number of little—er—witticisms which I should like to submit."

*Editor* (suspiciously).—"Any mother-in-law jokes?"

"No, indeed."

"Plumber jokes?"

"No, sir."

"Boarding-house jokes?"

"No, sir."

"Jokes about mashers?"

"No, sir."

"I thought not. Your matter won't do. We don't want any amateur stuff here."

#### *Conversation heard in a New York house.*

"You are very independent people," said the tourist from England, "but you can't deny that you owe a great deal to Christopher Columbus."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the self-reliant young American woman; "this country made his reputation for him, you know."